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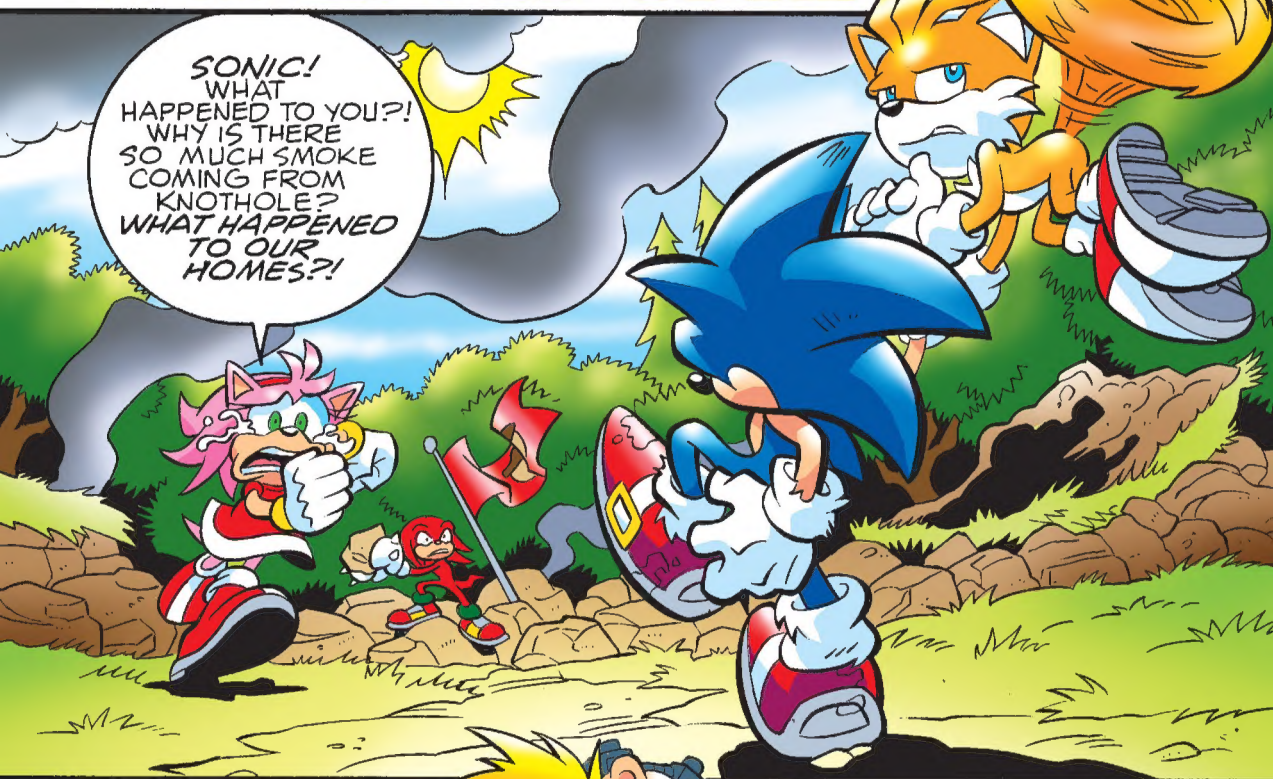
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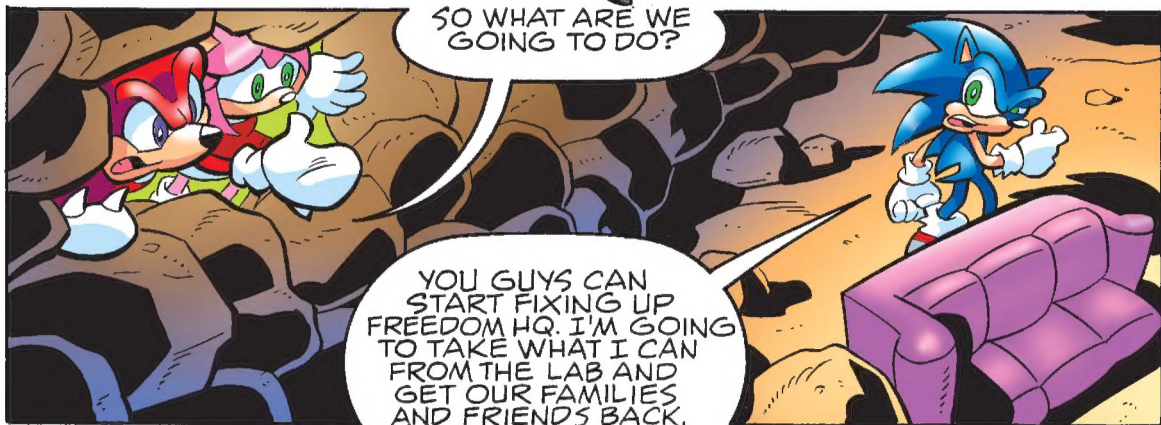
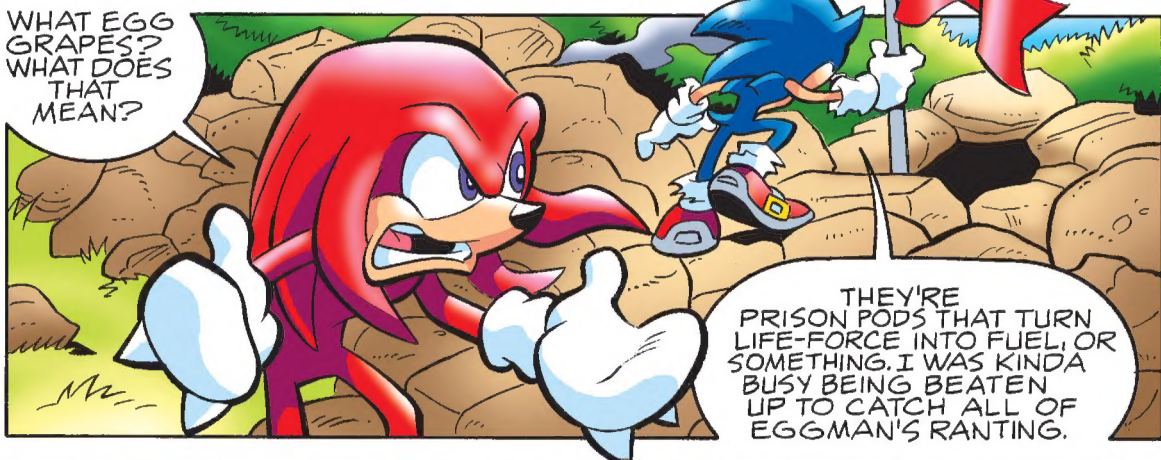
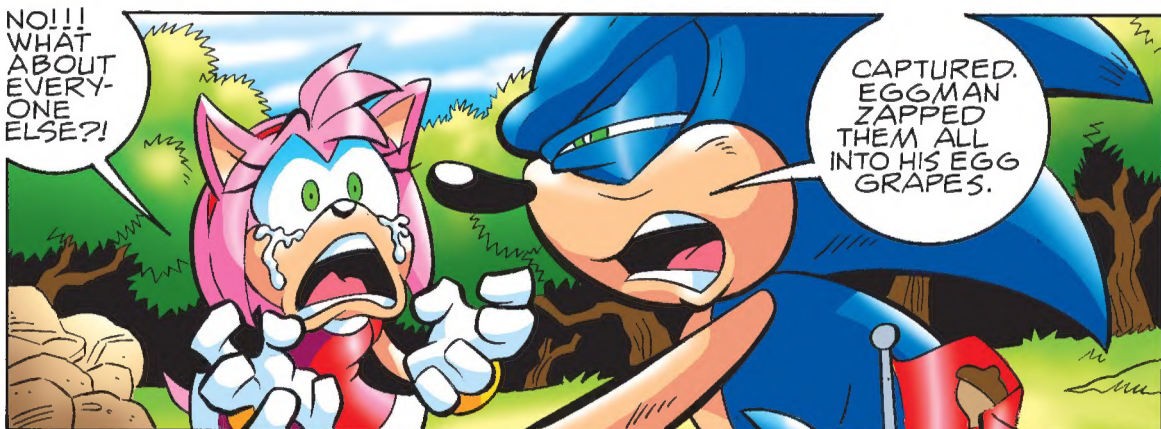
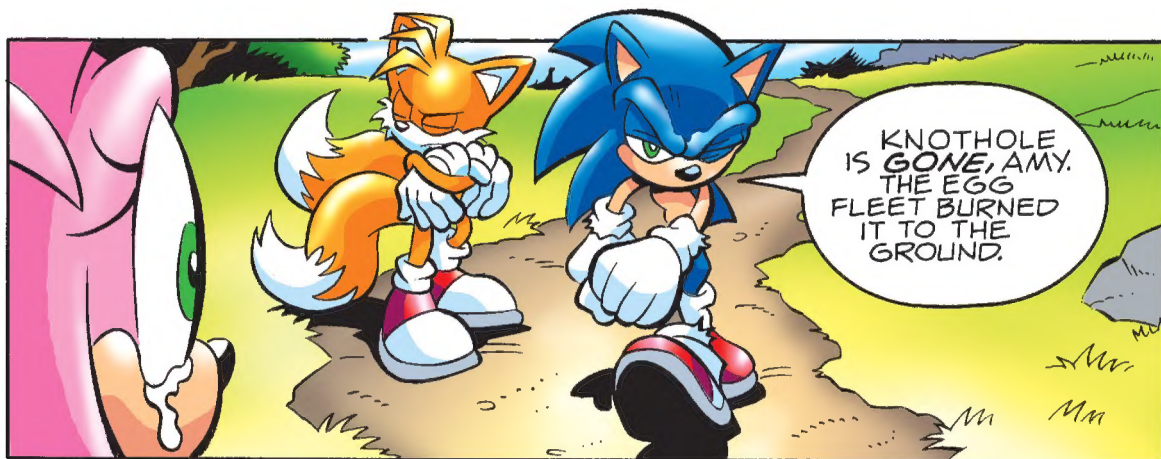
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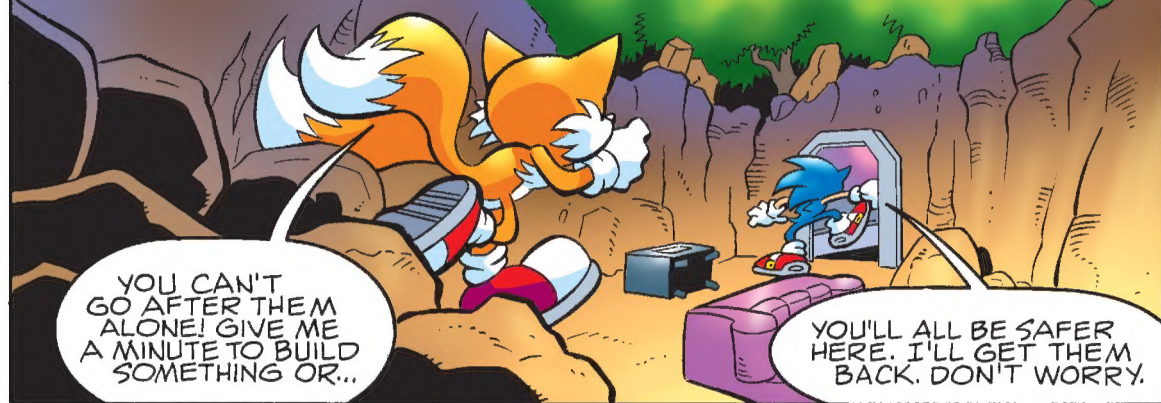


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YOU CAN'T GO AFTER THEM ALONE! GIVE ME A MINUTE TO BUILD SOMETHING OR...

YOU'LL ALL BE SAFER HERE. I'LL GET THEM BACK. DON'T WORRY.

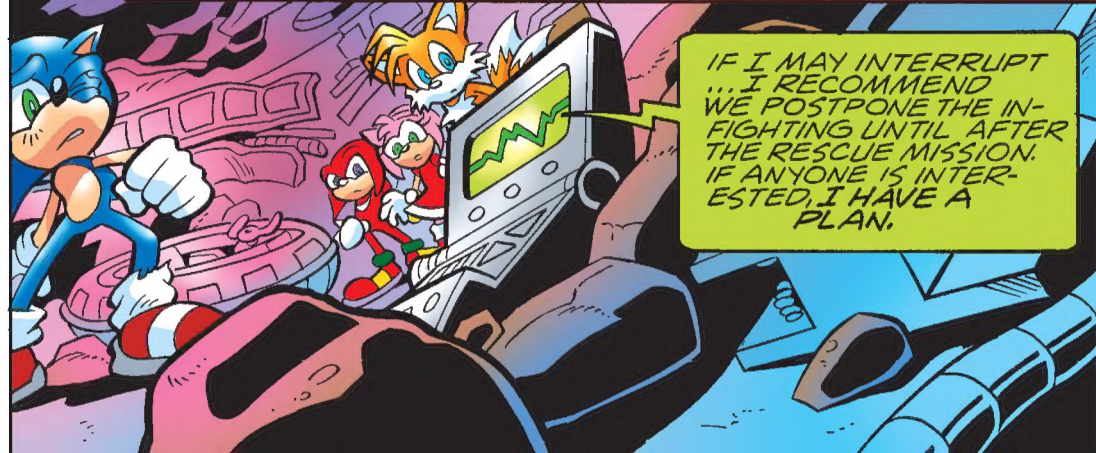


YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE EGG FLEET PLUS ALL OF HIS BADNIK ARMY, NOT TO MENTION HIS SUPER BATTLE SUIT!

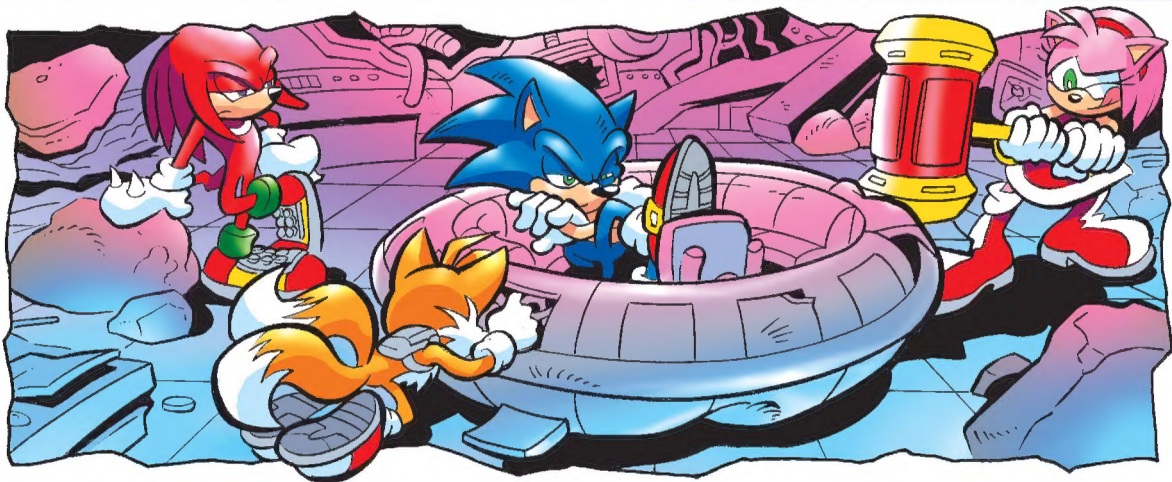
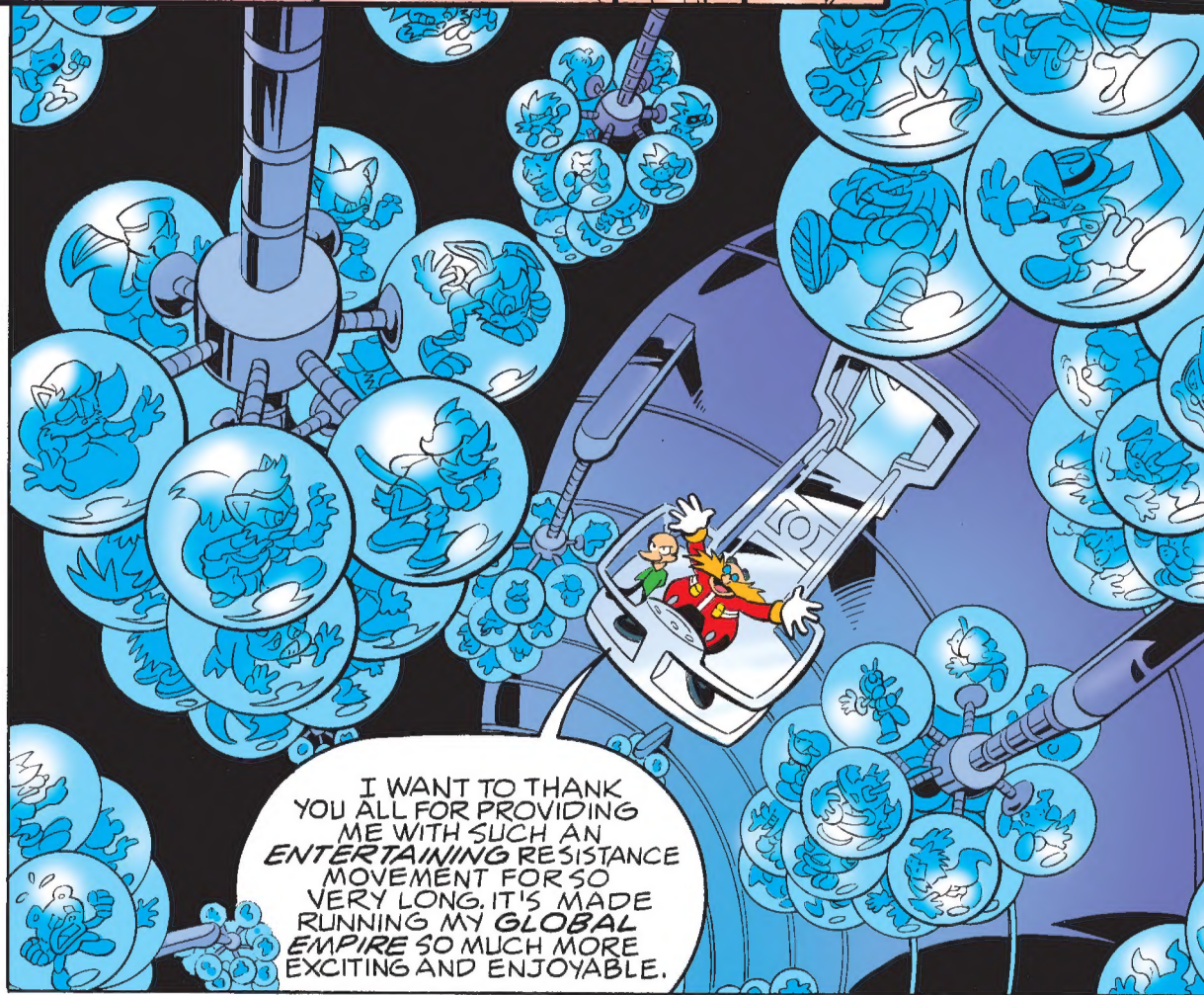
TAILS! ...I'VE GOT THIS!



LIKE YOU HAD KNOTHOLE A FEW MINUTES AGO? YEAH, YOU REALLY HELPED A LOT THERE! OR DOES YOUR PLAN HINGE ON YOU GETTING YOUR BUTT KICKED AGAIN?!

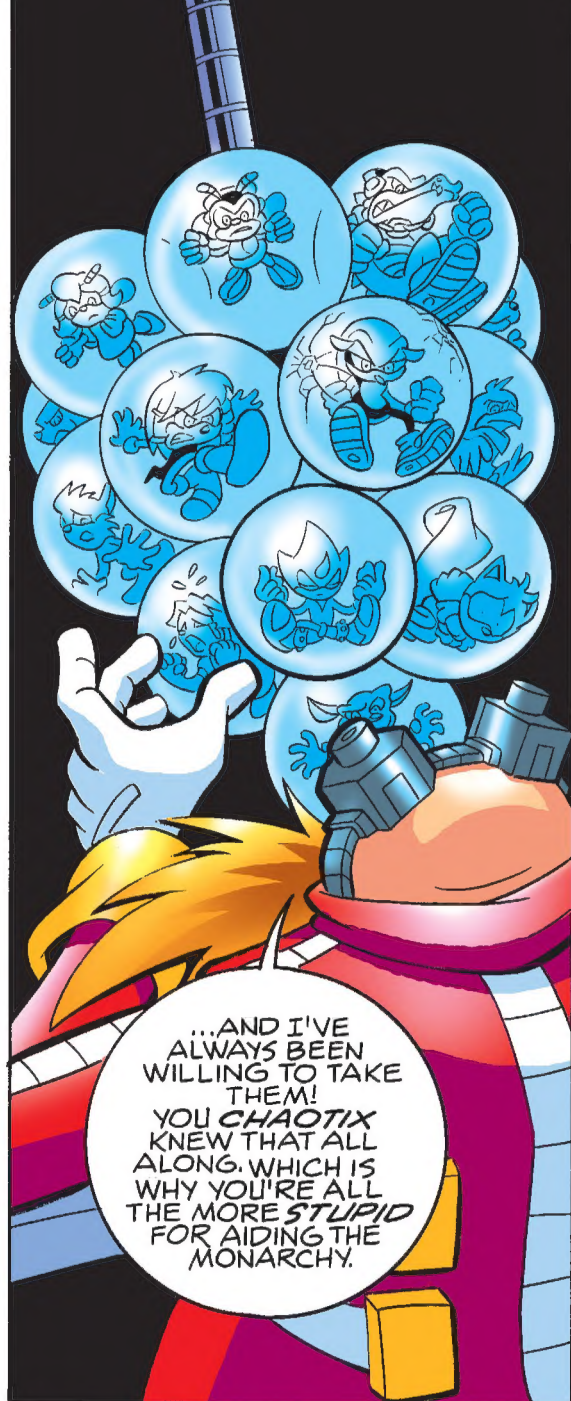


IF I MAY INTERRUPT ...I RECOMMEND WE POSTPONE THE IN-FIGHTING UNTIL AFTER THE RESCUE MISSION. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, I HAVE A PLAN.

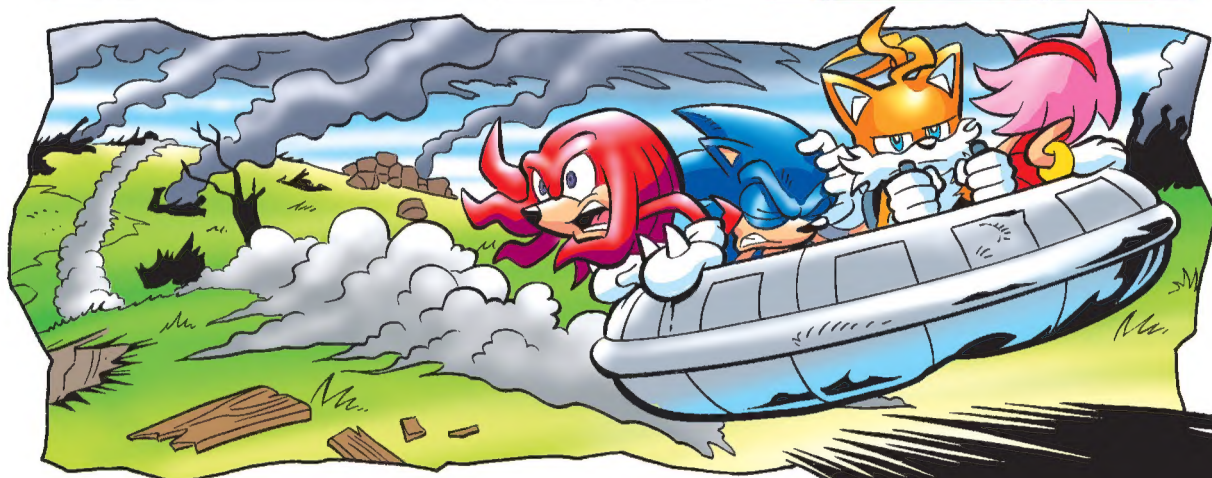


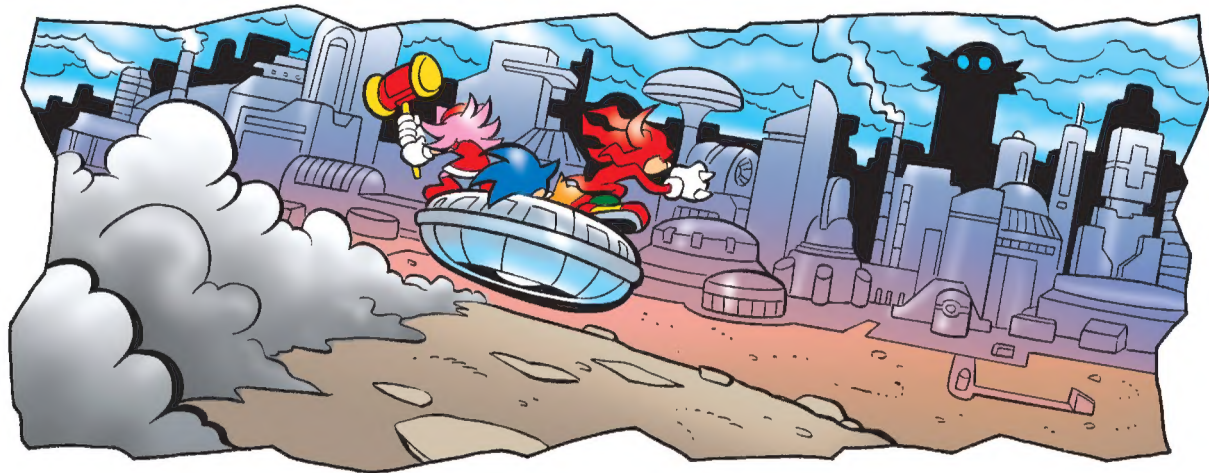
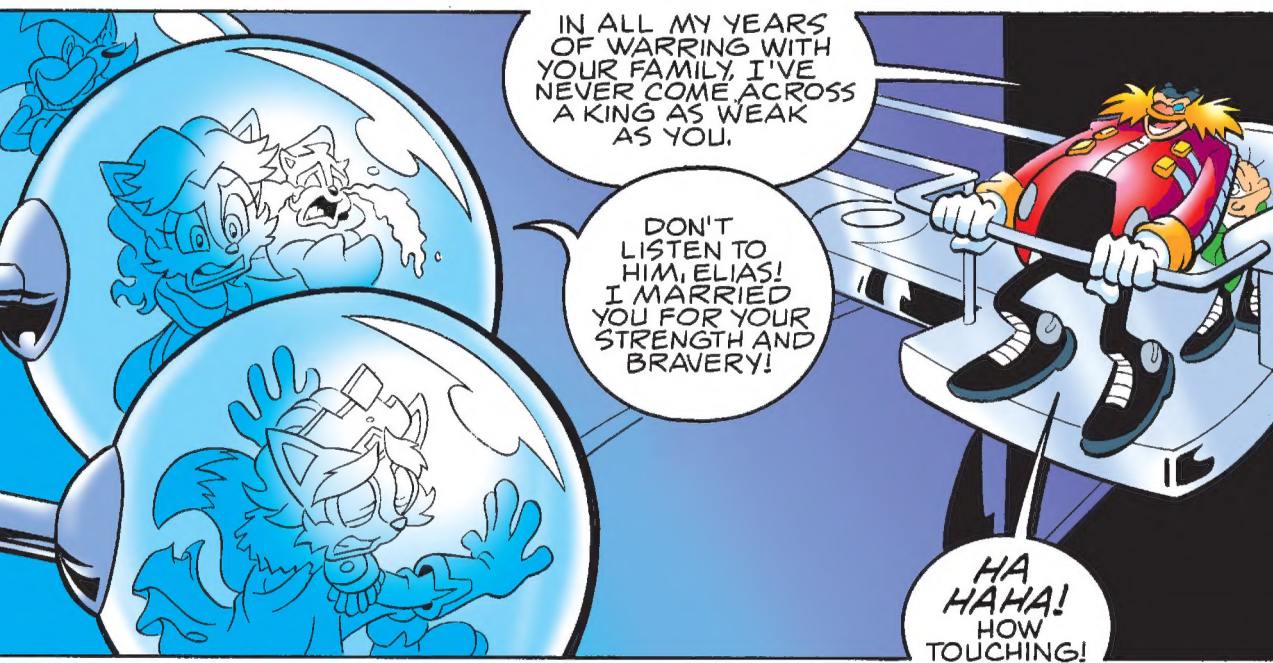
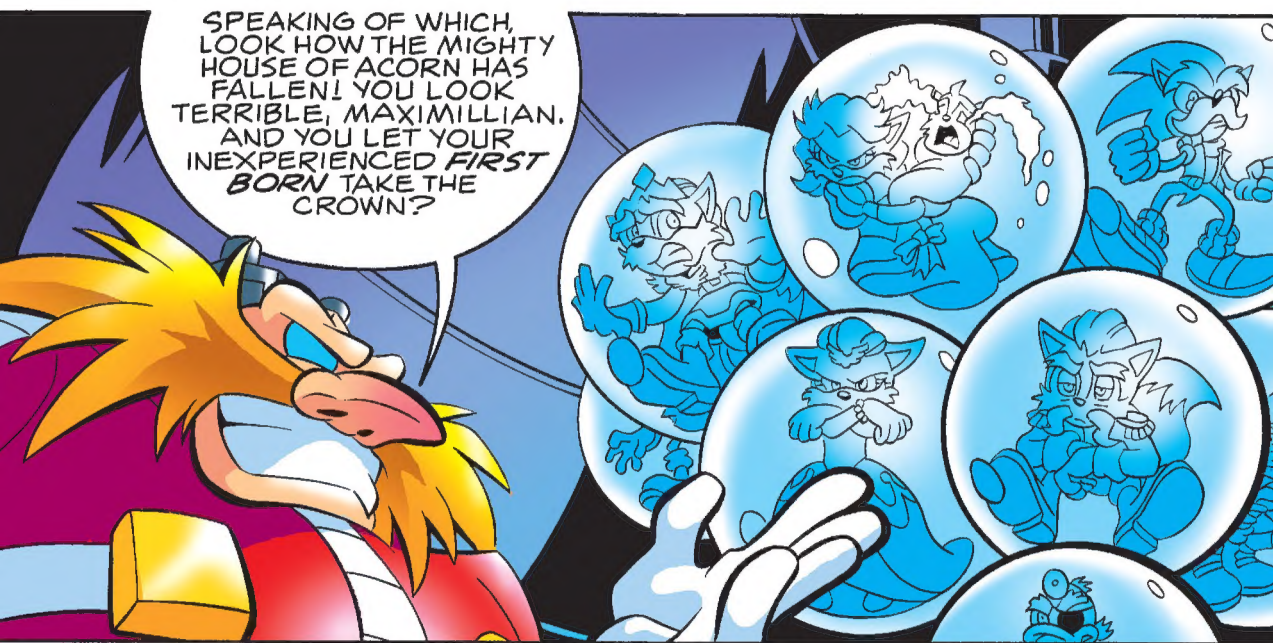


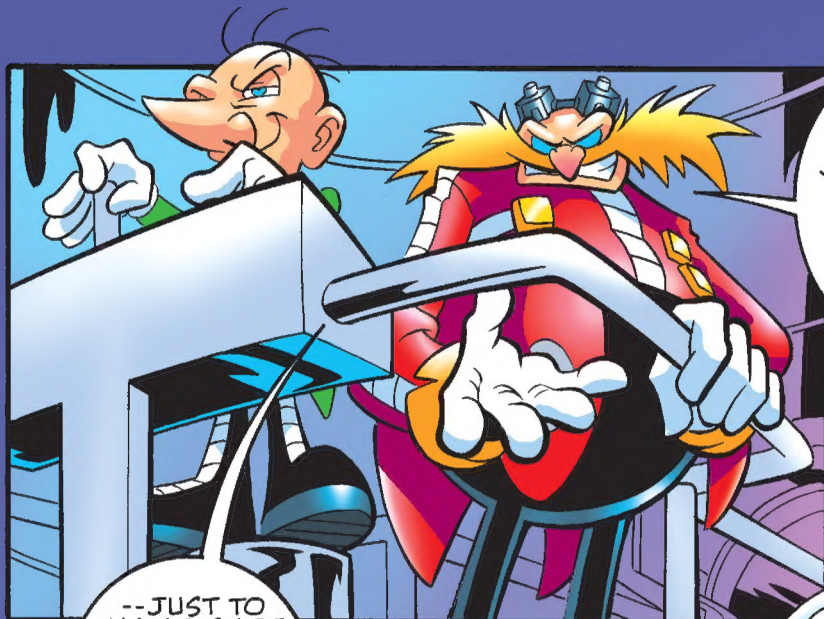
YOU *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* HAVE BEEN THE MOST AMUSING, BUT ALSO THE MOST ANNOYING. IT ALL WORKED OUT FOR US, THOUGH... YOU WERE ALL READY TO GIVE YOUR LIVES FOR YOUR CAUSE.



...AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO TAKE THEM!
YOU *CHAOTIX* KNEW THAT ALL ALONG, WHICH IS WHY YOU'RE ALL THE MORE *STUPID* FOR AIDING THE MONARCHY.





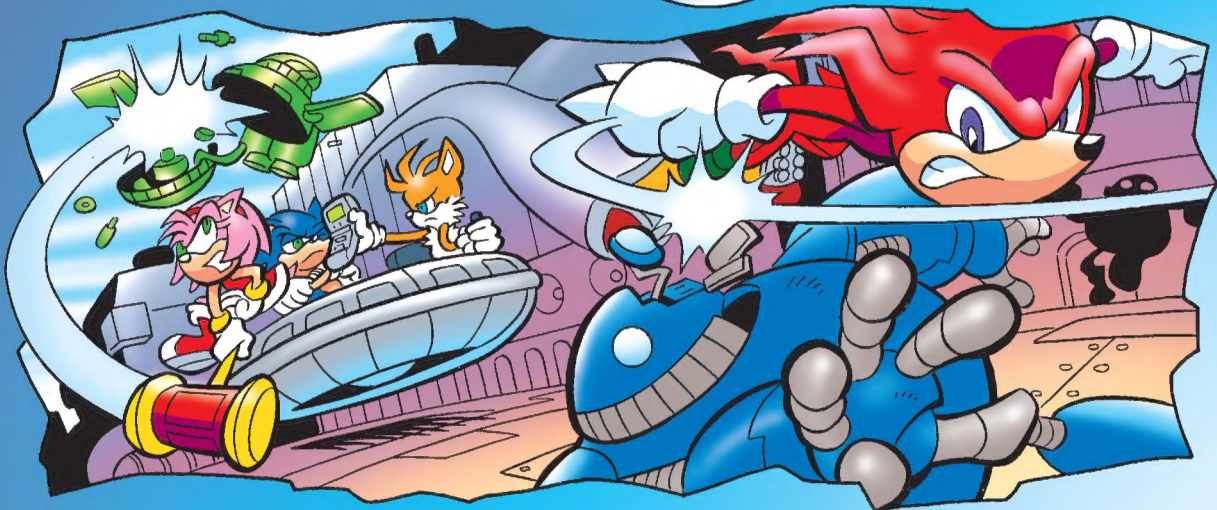
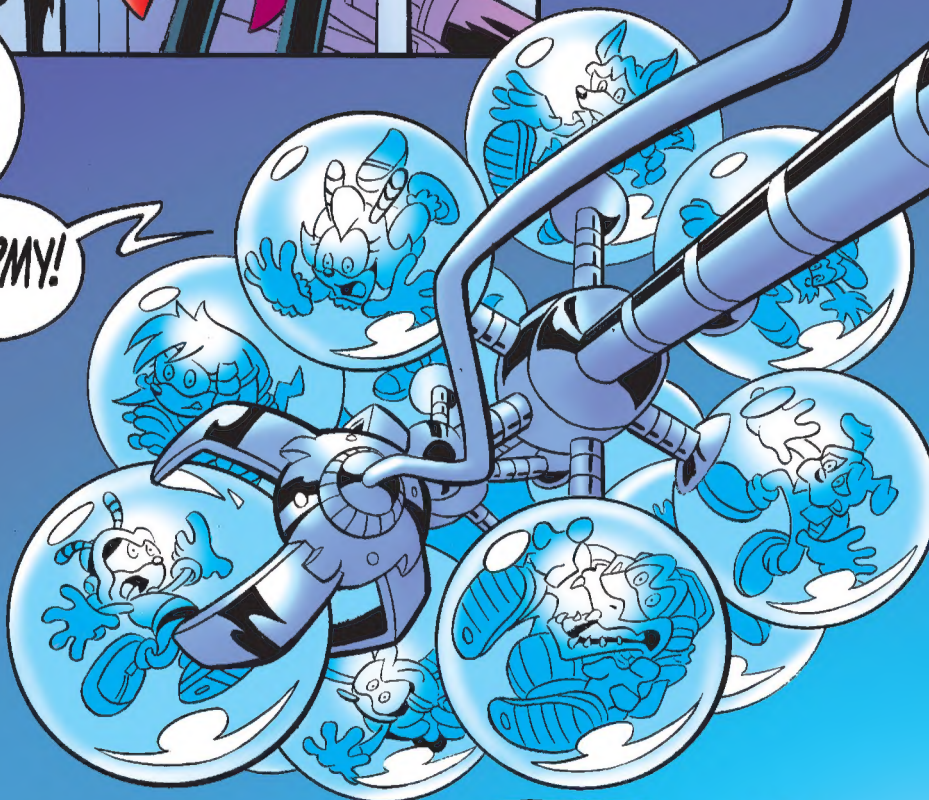


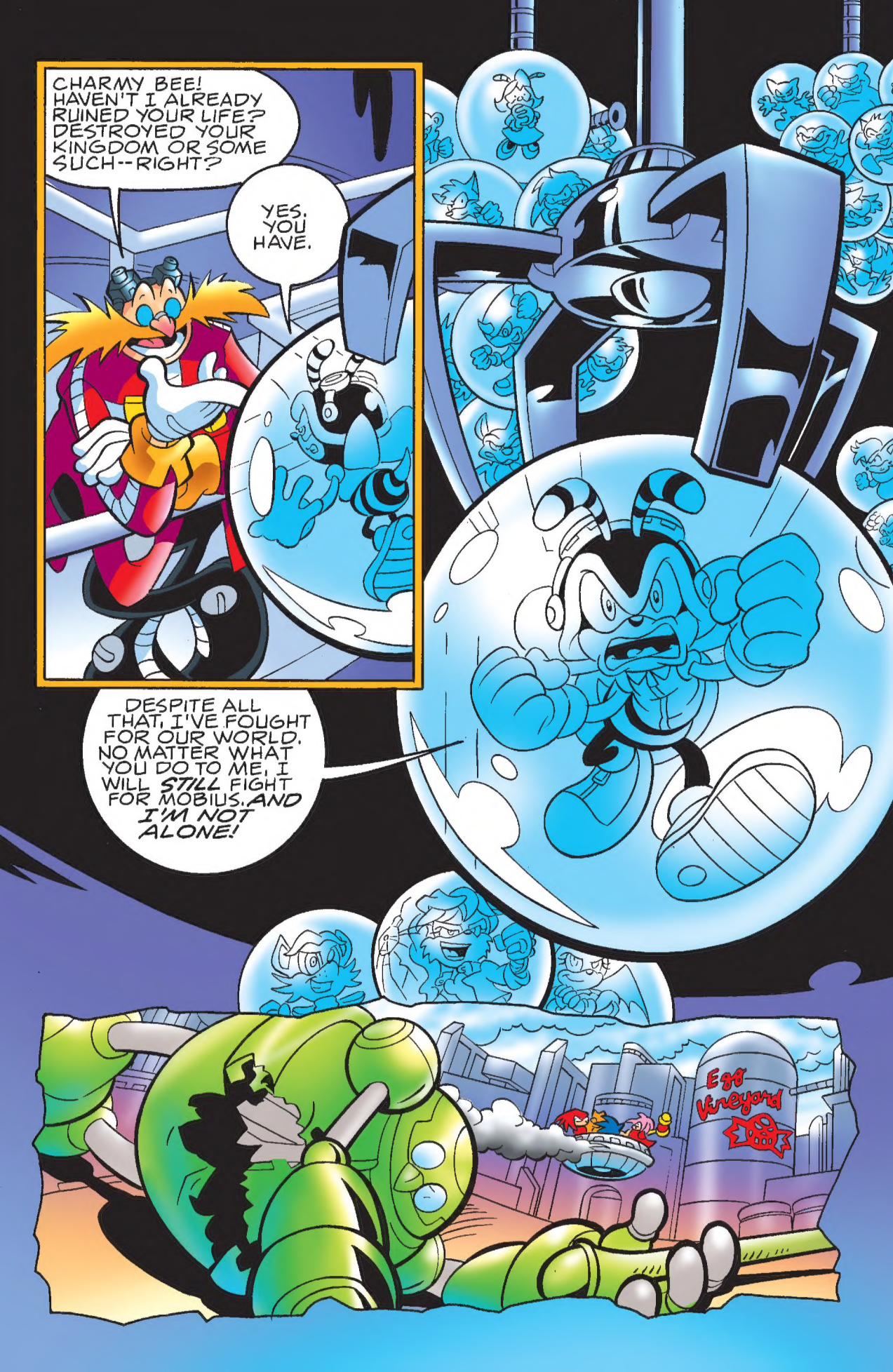
NOW, THEN...
I'M GOING TO
DEMONSTRATE TO
YOU ALL JUST WHAT
THESE EGG GRAPES
CAN DO. THE
PROCESS WILL BE
ACCELERATED,
BUT NOT LESS
POTENT--

--JUST TO
MAKE SURE
YOU'RE ALL
GOOD AND
TERRIFIED
BEFORE
THE END!

CHARMY!

I--IT'LL
BE OKAY,
SAFFRON.



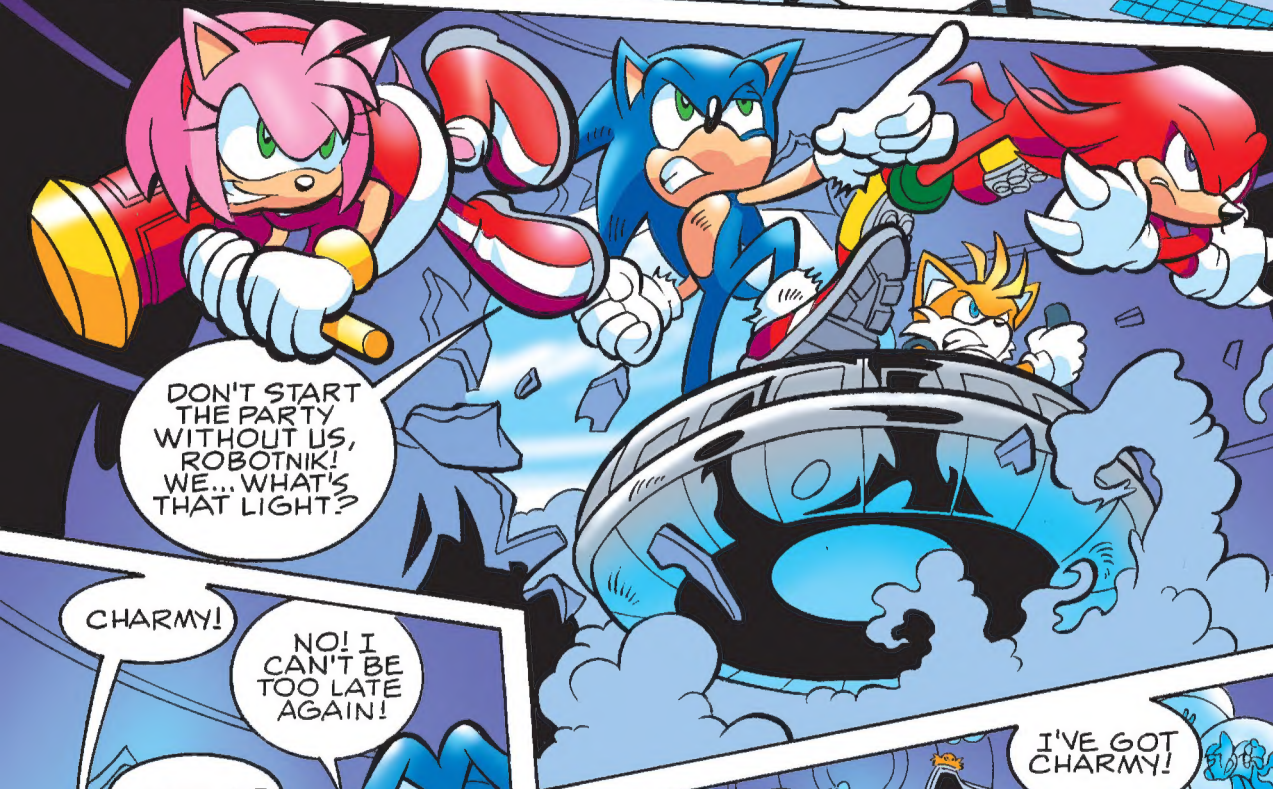
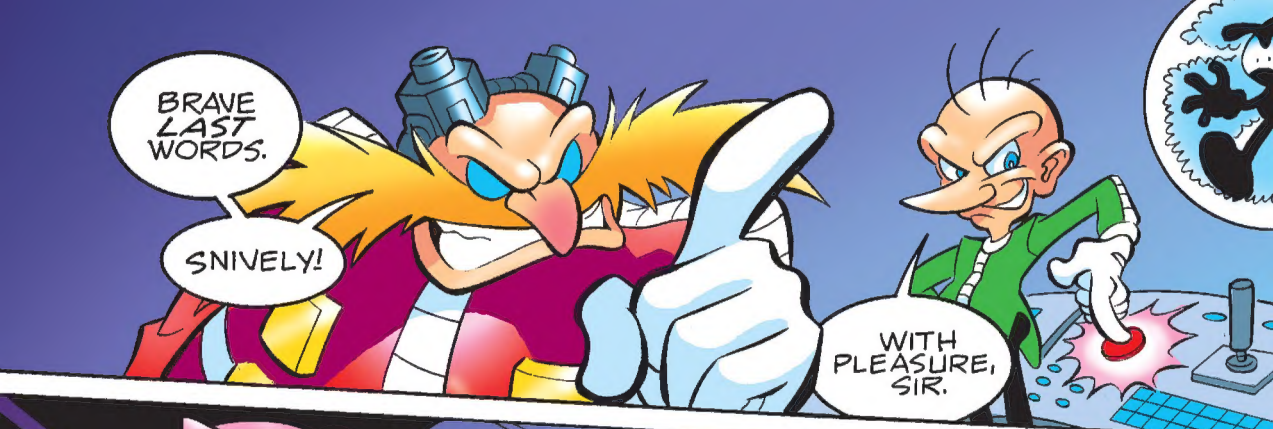


CHARMY BEE!
HAVEN'T I ALREADY
RUINED YOUR LIFE?
DESTROYED YOUR
KINGDOM OR SOME
SUCH--RIGHT?

YES,
YOU HAVE.

DESPITE ALL
THAT, I'VE FOUGHT
FOR OUR WORLD.
NO MATTER WHAT
YOU DO TO ME, I
WILL ***STILL*** FIGHT
FOR MOBIUS, AND
I'M NOT
ALONE!

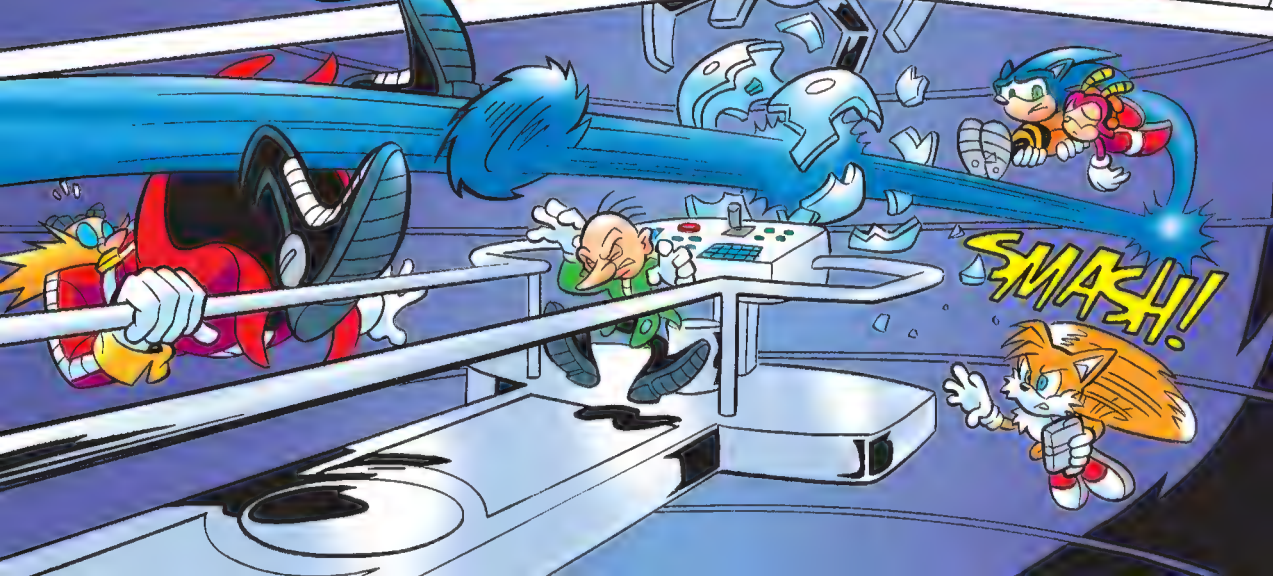
Egg
Vineyard

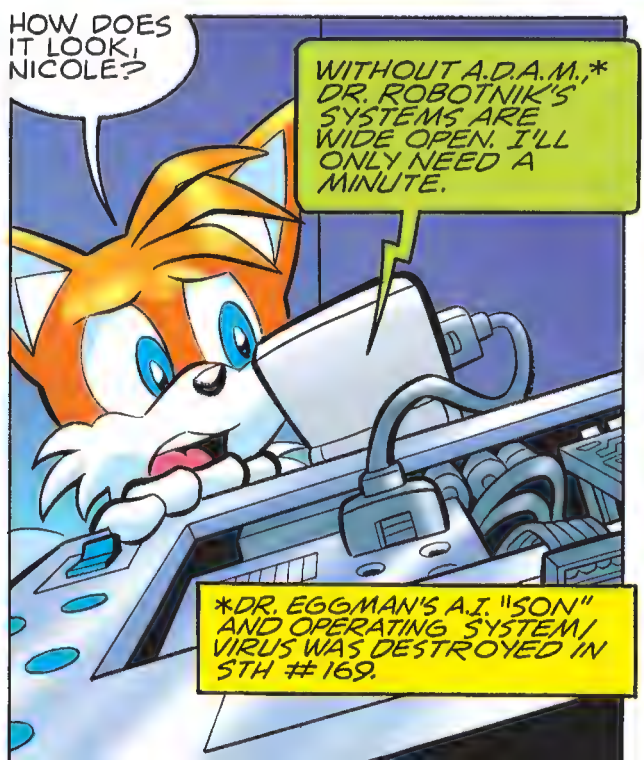


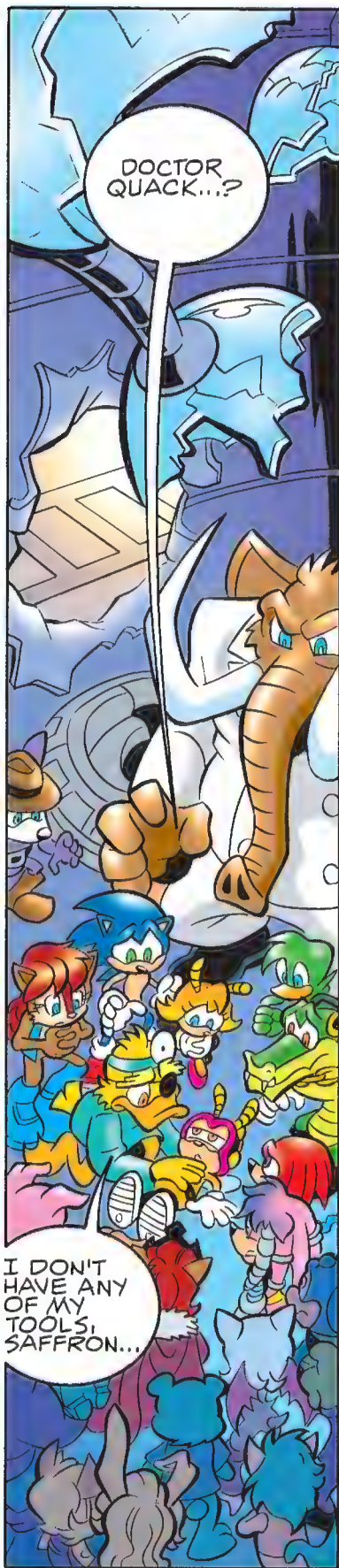


NO!
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE BEATEN!...
YOUR SPIRIT
BROKEN!

SHOWS
HOW SMART
YOU ARE.







...BUT HE SEEMS STABLE. IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC GOT TO HIM JUST IN TIME.



WE HAVE
TO GO,
NICOLE.

I'VE DONE ALL I
CAN DO HERE.
I'LL FINISH
PREPARATIONS
BACK AT HOME.

HOME...?

I'M SORRY,
THERE'S NO
TIME TO
EXPLAIN.
STAY WITH
THE GROUP
TAILS.

IF YOU
SAY SO. I
HOPE
YOUR
PLAN
WORKS...

THIS WAY,
EVERYBODY!
RIGHT BACK
THE WAY WE
CAME IN!

THERE'RE TOO
MANY OF US... TOO
CROWDED. MAYBE
IF WE PUT AS MANY
AS WE CAN ON THAT
SAUCER... THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS AND CHAOTIX
...AND HOLD OFF
ANY--

NOPE.

"NOPE"?!

WE'VE GOT
A PLAN, SAL.
WE STICK
TOGETHER.

WHILE IT MAY
USUALLY WORK
FOR YOU, "RUN
AWAY AS FAST
AS YOU CAN"
IS NOT A
PLAN.

DID
I SAY
IT WAS
MY
PLAN?

NICOLE
SAYS SHE'S
DONE ALL SHE
CAN HERE. I
GUESS WE'RE
READY FOR THE
NEXT PART OF
HER PLAN.

NICOLE
CAME UP
WITH THE
PLAN?

WAY
TO GO,
TAILS!

EVERYONE!
STICK
TOGETHER!

DUDE,
ABOUT
EARLIER...

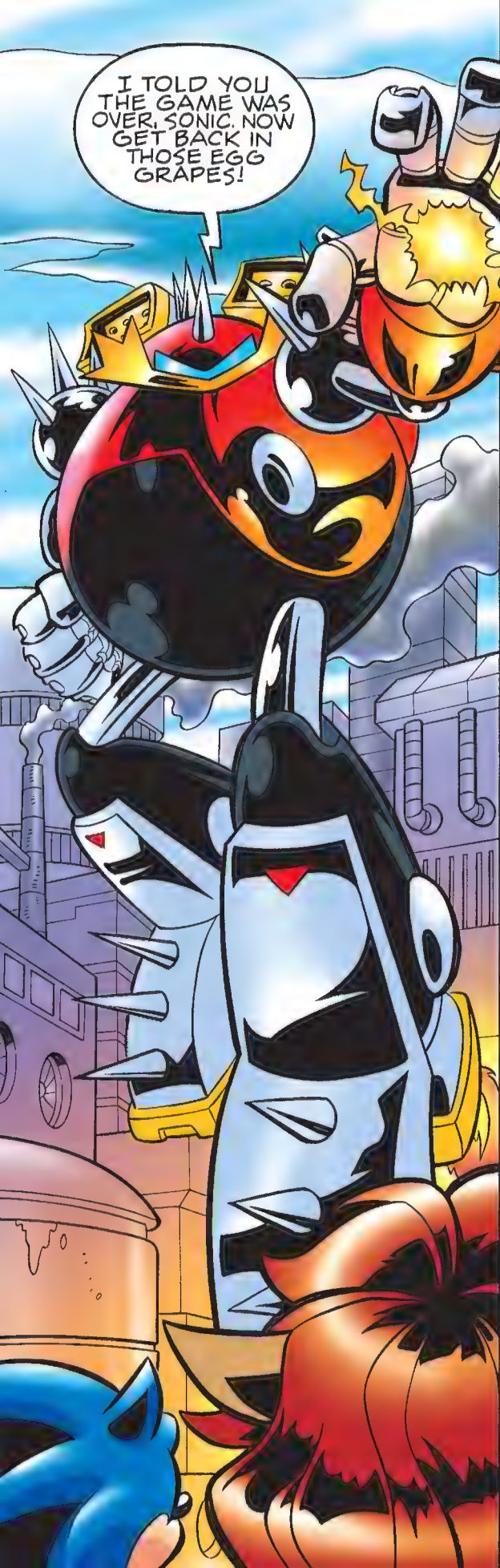
YEAH,
SONIC,
I...

...OH...
...NO...

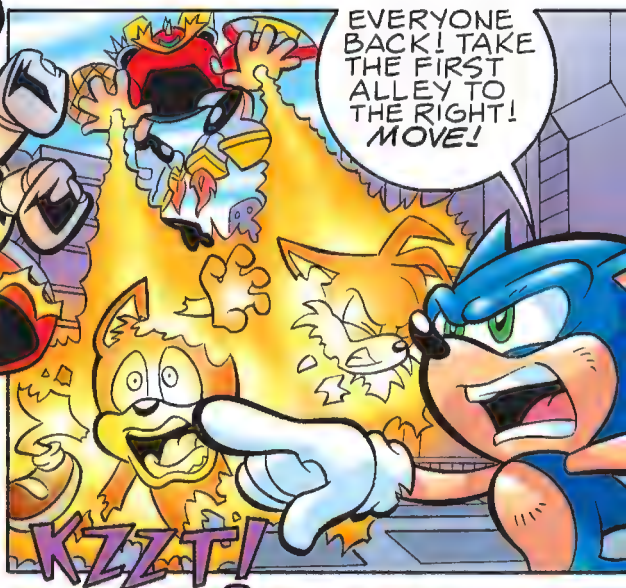
HOLD
THAT
THOUGHT...

WAS
THIS
PART OF
THE PLAN,
TOO?

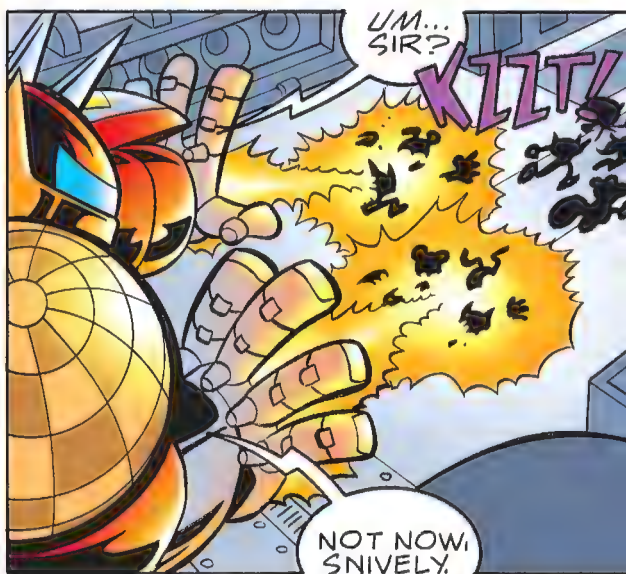
BELIEVE
IT OR
NOT.



I TOLD YOU
THE GAME WAS
OVER, SONIC. NOW
GET BACK IN
THOSE EGG
GRAPES!



EVERYONE
BACK! TAKE
THE FIRST
ALLEY TO
THE RIGHT!
MOVE!




UM...
SIR?

NOT NOW,
SNIVELY.



I'VE
ALREADY
RECAPTURED
MOST OF
THEM...


KZZT!



...AND THE
REST ARE
TRAPPED
AT A DEAD
END!

BUT SIR! THE
TELEPORTING
BEAM IS...

OBVIOUSLY
WORKING! NOW
SHUT UP AND
LET ME
SAVOR THIS
MOMENT!



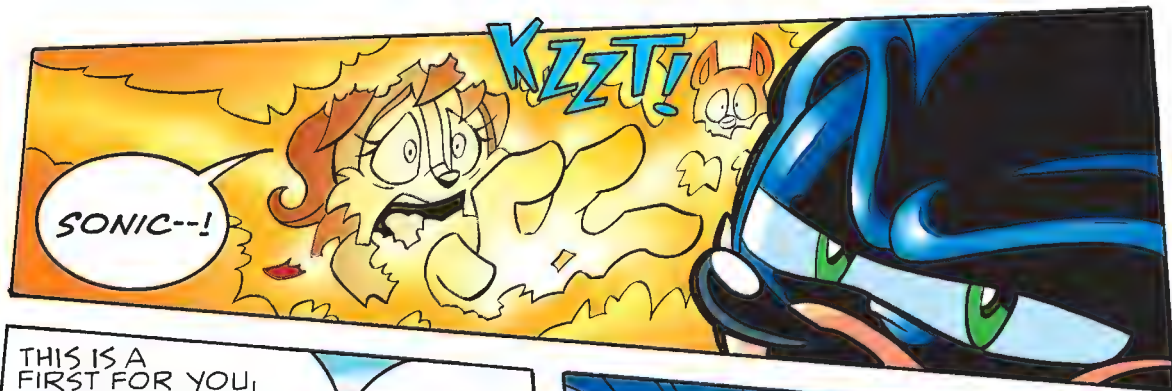
CAN YOU SPIN
DASH THROUGH THIS
WALL? MAYBE GET
US A WAY OUT?

PROBABLY,
BUT NOT
THIS TIME.



HAVE
YOU
LOST
YOUR
MIND
?!

NO, BUT I CAN'T
EXPLAIN RIGHT
NOW. I DON'T
WANT ROBOTNIK
TO OVERHEAR
AND SPOIL THE
SURPRISE.



SONIC--!

THIS IS A FIRST FOR YOU, RODENT! TWO COLOSSAL FAILURES IN ONE DAY! WON'T YOU PUT UP A FUTILE FIGHT FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?

AND GIVE YOU THE PLEASURE? NOT LIKELY, CHUBS.

FINE, THEN. JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN OBLIVION!

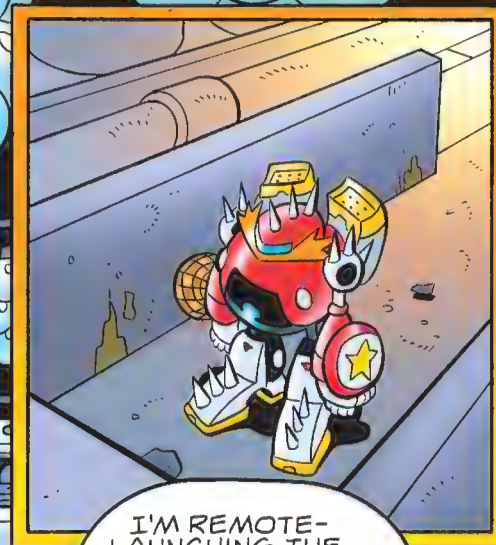
KZZT!

SEE YA ON THE FLIP SIDE, LOSER.

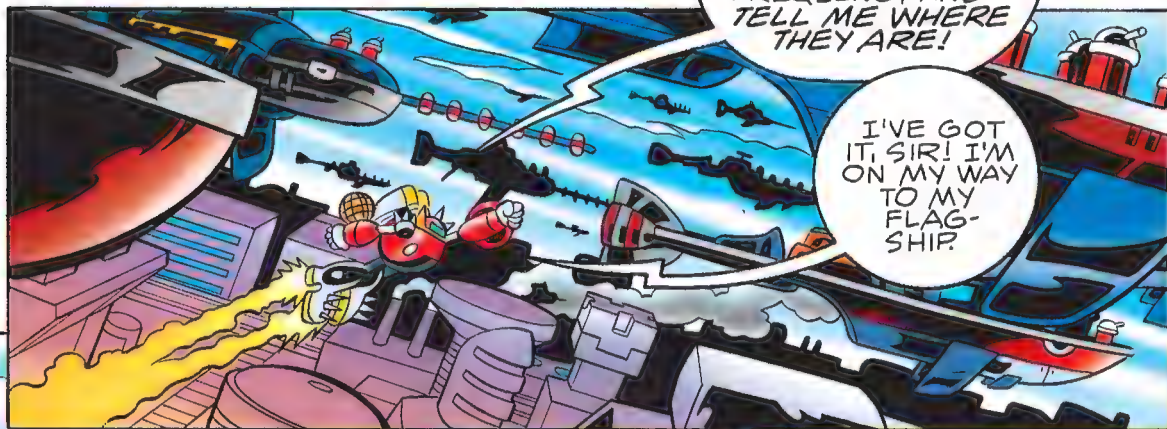
FINALLY I WON! SNIVELY, DON'T START THE EGG GRAPES UNTIL I'M THERE!

BUT, SIR!

I'VE BEEN TRYING
TO TELL YOU THE
ENTIRE TIME! THE
TELEPORTATION
FREQUENCY WAS
TAMPERED WITH!
THERE'S NOBODY
IN THE RESERVE
EGG GRAPES!

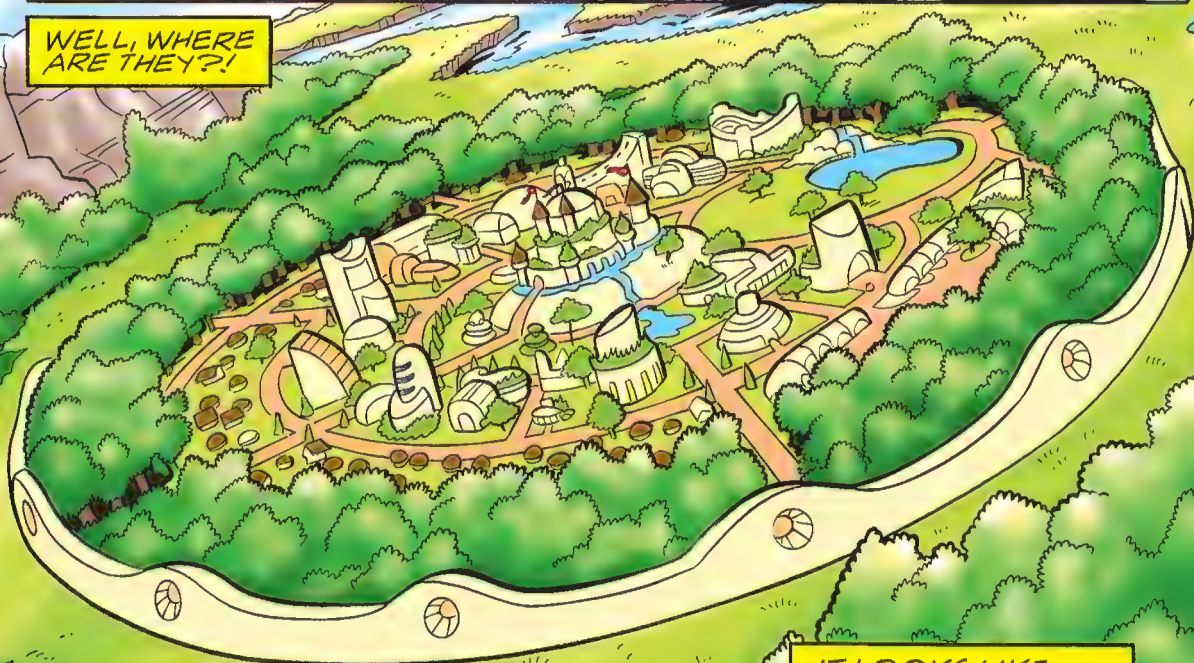


I'M REMOTE-
LAUNCHING THE
EGG FLEET NOW!
TRACK DOWN THAT
FREQUENCY AND
TELL ME WHERE
THEY ARE!

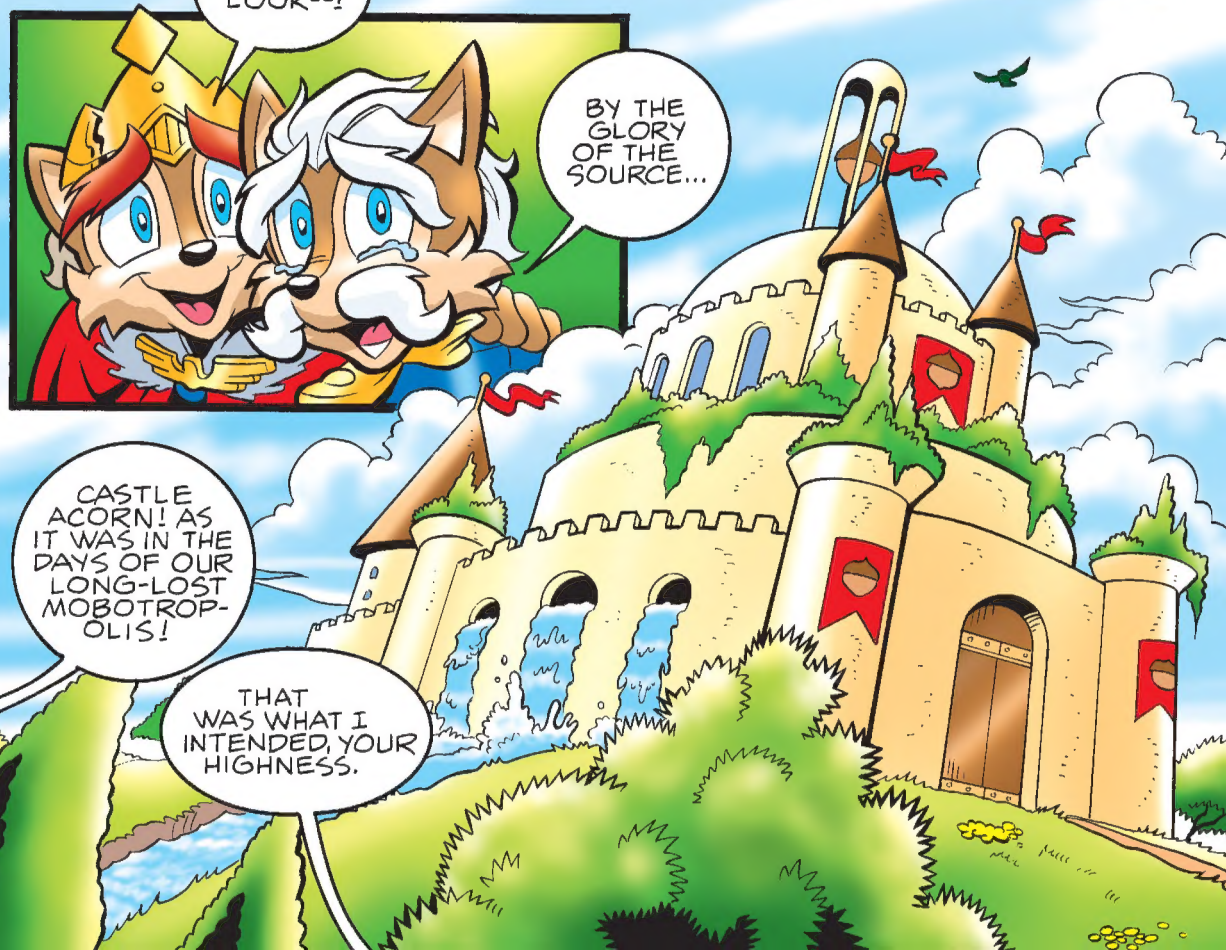
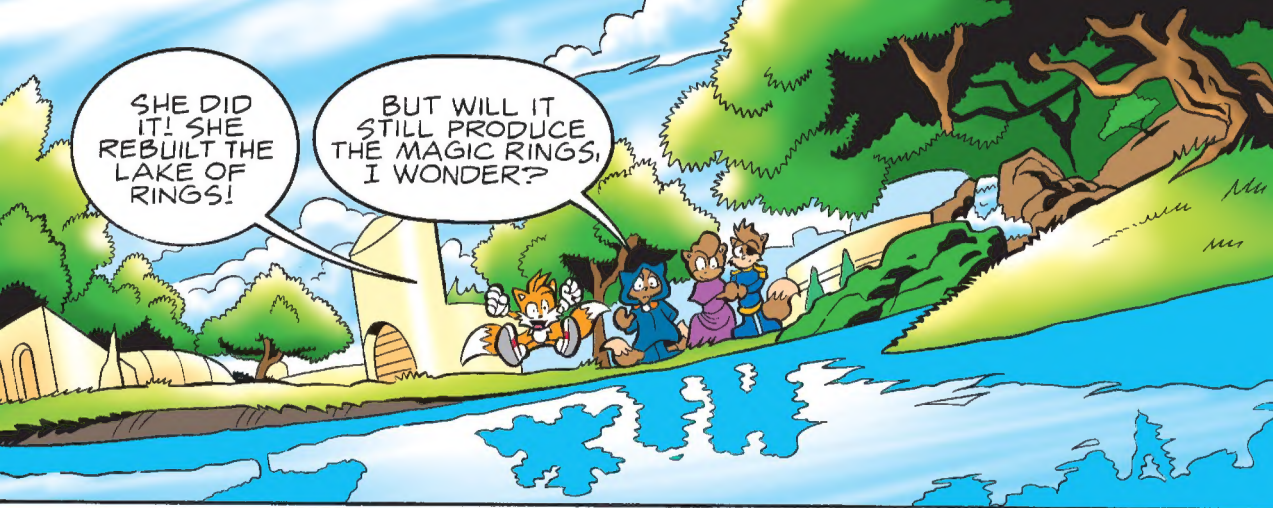


I'VE GOT
IT, SIR! I'M
ON MY WAY
TO MY FLAG-
SHIP!

WELL, WHERE
ARE THEY?!



IT LOOKS LIKE...
THE NANITE CITY?!





...WHOA...



THIS WAS SOMETHING I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW. DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S EFFORTS HAVE FORCED ME TO REVEAL THIS BEFORE I WAS FINISHED, BUT ALL THE SAME... WELCOME TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! I WILL BE YOUR HOSTESS... NICOLE.

NICOLE!
I DIDN'T
THINK YOU
COULD
MAINTAIN
THAT
FORM.

I COULD
NOT UNTIL I
FOUND SOMETHING
ROBUST ENOUGH
TO MAINTAIN ME.
I BUILT ENOUGH
HOLOGRAPHIC
MATRIXES TO
GIVE ME FULL
USE OF THE
CITY.

GOOD
TO HAVE
YOU WITH
US--
AGAIN.

DOES THE
LAKE OF
RINGS
REALLY
WORK?

HOW DO YOU HAVE
THE POWER TO
SUPPORT A
PHYSICAL FORM?

IS IT JUST
LIKE OLD MOBO-
TROPOLIS?

WHAT
ARE OUR
DEFENSES
HERE?

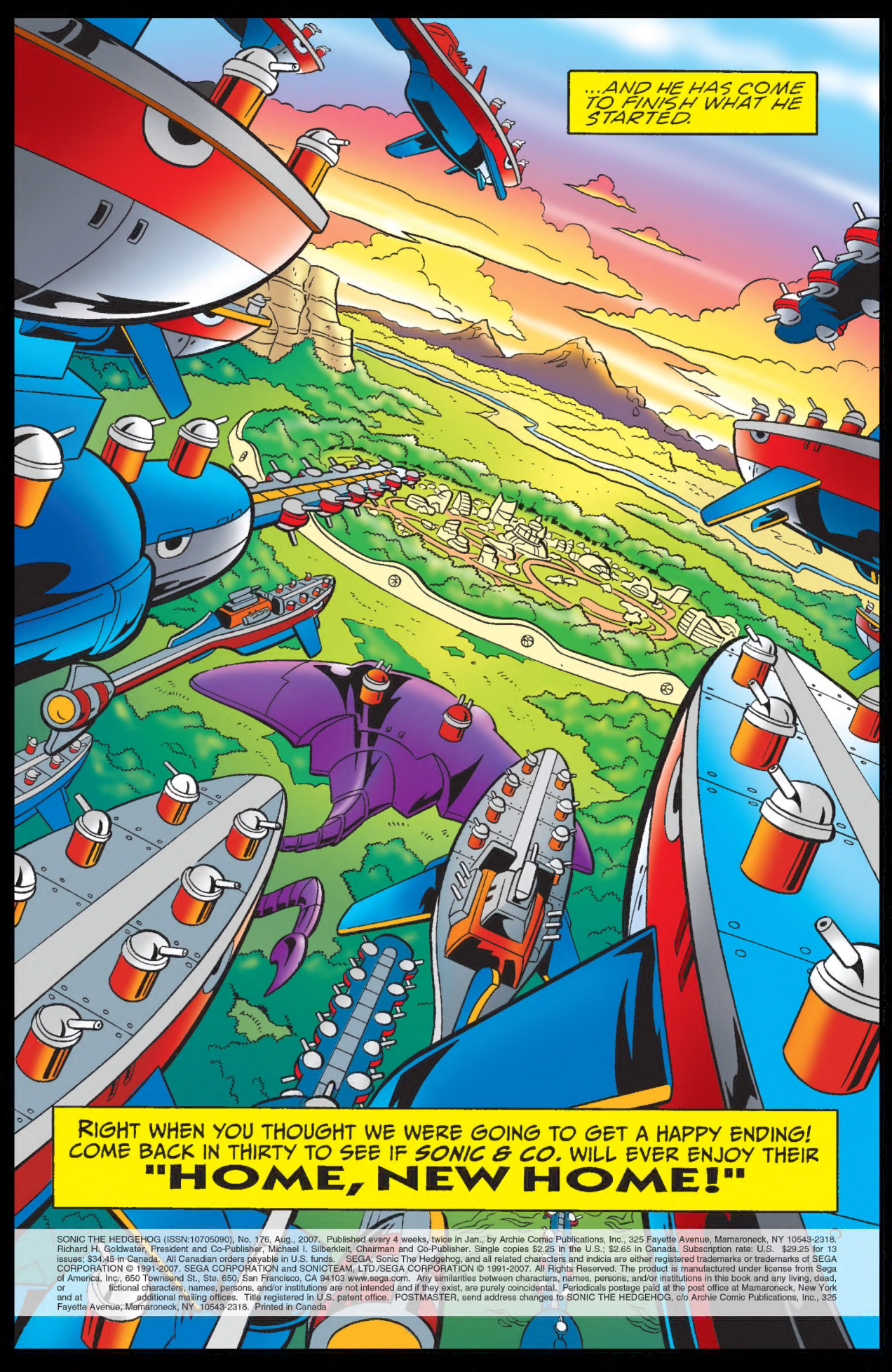
I'LL ANSWER
EVERYTHING
IN TIME, I
PROMISE!

YOU'VE
ALREADY
DONE A GREAT
DEAL FOR US,
NICOLE.

AND ALL OF
YOU, AS WELL.
WITHOUT YOU, NONE
OF US WOULD'VE
MADE IT TO SEE
NICOLE'S
BEAUTIFUL
NEW CITY.

DO NOT
CONGRAT-
ULATE...

...ALL OF OUR ACHIEVE-
MENTS JUST YET,
PRINCESS. IT DID NOT
TAKE DR. ROBOTNIK
LONG TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT WE DID...



...AND HE HAS COME
TO FINISH WHAT HE
STARTED.

RIGHT WHEN YOU THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO GET A HAPPY ENDING!
COME BACK IN THIRTY TO SEE IF *SONIC & CO.* WILL EVER ENJOY THEIR
"HOME, NEW HOME!"

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